



Mayoral Proclamation

COLUMBUS DAY, 2019

Whereas The arrival of Christopher Columbus on the shores of the New World in 1492 marked the beginning of relations between the Americas and the rest of the world, and opened the doorway to knowledge and exploration known as the Age of Discovery; and

Whereas After Columbus, millions of European immigrants brought their art, music, science, medicine, philosophy and religious principles to America, which contributions have helped shape the United States and include Greek democracy, Roman law, Christian ethics and the belief that all men are created equal; and

Whereas On Columbus Day, we honor the skilled navigator and man of faith who President Benjamin Harrison described as a "pioneer of progress and enlightenment," whose spirited voyage transformed the western hemisphere and inspired countless others to pursue their dreams and convictions in the face of seemingly insurmountable doubts and adversity; and

Whereas The accomplishments of Columbus through his courage and willingness to take unknown risks in exchange for discovery, knowledge, and greatness has trickled down through each generation of Americans, from the early pioneer settlers to the exploration of the vast universe beyond our atmosphere; and

Whereas Italian Americans constitute our nation's fifth largest ethnic group, whose contributions to American culture, business, and civic life have been of unquestionable value to our diverse shared history;

Now therefore, I, Nicholas Isgro, Mayor of Waterville, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 14th, 2019 as

COLUMBUS DAY

and urge all of Waterville's residents to celebrate this day with appropriate ceremonies and remembrances, and to commemorate and honor all of those who have contributed to our diverse shared history.

In Witness Whereof, I do hereby set my hands and seal this 14th day of October, Two thousand and nineteen.



Nicholas Isgro, Mayor